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Letter dated 8 January 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia concerning recent acts of violence in the Arab and Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967.

I would be grateful if you could arrange to have the present letter and attached text circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "Question of Palestine" and "The situation in the Middle East", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nana S. SUTRESNA
Ambassador
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ANNEX

Statement concerning recent acts of violence in the Arab and Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967 issued on 5 January 1991 by the Department of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia

1. The Government of Indonesia is deeply concerned about recent acts of violence in the Arab and Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967, especially the Gaza Strip, and condemns the indiscriminate shooting by Israeli security forces against Palestinian civilians, in its continuing efforts to suppress the intifadah, which led to the killing of five Palestinians and the injury of as many as 250. Such brutal actions by Israel, the occupying Power, demonstrate the continuing violations of its obligations under the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, 1949, and Security Council resolution 681 (1990).

2. We call upon all States to strengthen their efforts to provide international protection for the Palestinian civilians in the occupied Arab and Palestinian territories and to promote the convening of the International Peace Conference on the Middle East to reach a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the core of which is the question of Palestine.